

Dear Allottee:

Because you have undivided ownership in the allotment identified on the attachment, this letter provides you notice about upcoming work related to an abandoned uranium mine on or near the allotment. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and/or private parties working under USEPA oversight will be performing work related to the abandoned uranium mine. In accordance with 42 U.S.C. §9604(e)(1) and (3) (EPA is authorized to “enter . . . any . . . property from which or to which a hazardous substance or pollutant or contaminant has been or may have been released . . . for the purposes of determining the need for response, or choosing or taking any response action . . .”). Additionally, the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency (NNEPA), and/or their designated “representative,” will be performing work related to the abandoned uranium mine pursuant to their concurrent authority provided by the Navajo Nation Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (NNCERCLA). 4 N.N.C. §§ 2101-2805. USEPA and NNEPA and/or their “representative” have the authority to access this allotment for the reasons stated in the attachment.

Information about the specific work to be performed is included in the attachment. Please provide your full cooperation to USEPA and NNEPA so that they may conduct this important work. If there is specific action required on your part during this time, USEPA would provide that guidance when onsite.

There will be USEPA representatives on the ground during the work periods described in the attachment to provide information about the work. In addition, the attached document provides contact information for EPA/NNEPA representatives. If you have questions about BIA’s role, please contact Mr. Jerry DeGroat, BIA Eastern Navajo Agency Realty Officer, at jerry.degroat@bia.gov or (505) 786-6121.

Sincerely,

Agency Superintendent
Regional Director, NRO

Attachment

Location of allotment and work to be performed with map

Period of time allotment will be accessed

Description of work to be performed

Plan to inform residents and allottees about the results of the work performed

EPA point of contact and opportunities to obtain more information

The Five-Year Plan to Address the Impacts of Uranium Contamination 2014-2018, provides more information about the federal government's efforts:

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/superfund/navajo-nation/5-yr-plan-2014.html> .